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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 61 (MAY 17, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 61ST MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS

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FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 161500Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES: DDN HAS RECEIVED NO NEW INFORMATION ABOUT
HOSTILE FORCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. DDN ESTIMATES THAT THE 19

COMPANIES OF HOSTILE FORCES (SITREP 60) BELIEVED TO BE INSIDE
ZAIRE WOULD TOTAL ABOUT 2000 TO 2400 TROOPS.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. COL IKUKU HAS NOT REPORTED ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT OF HIS TASK
FORCE IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. IT IS STILL DEPICTED ON DDN'S OPER-
ATIONS MAP AS BEING SOME 20 KMS WEST OF KASAJI (1022S/2327E).

B. MG BABIA VISITED SHABA AND SAW PRESIDENT MOBUTU (PROBABLY
AT KOLWEZI) ON 16 MAY TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF TACTICAL ISSUES. NO
RESULTS YET AVAILABLE AT DDN.

C. TASK FORCE MUKOBO REMAINS AT KOLWEZI, IN THE ROLE OF A
RESERVE FORCE FOR THE KASAJI-DILOLO AXIS.

D. TWO REINFORCED COMPANIES OPERATING WEST OF THE LULUA RIVER
(0812S/2234E) STILL AWAITING INFLATABLE BOATS FOR CROSSING. BOATS
HAVE NOT ARRIVED DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE AIRLIFT.

E. ACCORDING TO DAO SOURCES, BG LIKULIA, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING
INTO POSSIBLE INCIDENT IN TSHIPAO (SEE SITREP 60), IS ALSO SAID TO
BE INVESTIGATING THE REPORTED ESCAPE OF TWO OF THE 6 FAZ OFFICERS
DETAINED AT KAMINA BASE (SITREP 35 PARA 6D). SAME SOURCES REPORT
THAT TWO OFFICERS INVOLVED ARE COL. MAMINA AND MAJ OHANO (NOFORN).
LIKULIA HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL GUARD PLATOONS FOR THE REMAINING
DETAINEES.

F. DDN HAS NO INFORMATION ON OPERATION DIRECTED AGAINST
LUASHI (1055S/2336E).

G. LOCAL 17 MAY PRESS REPORTS THAT FAZ ELEMENTS IN THE SANDOA
SUB-SECTOR RECAPTURED ON 12 MAY THE TOWNS OF SAMUYEMBE (0942S/
2325E) AND KAPALANGA (LOCATION UNKNOWN), THE LATTER HAVING BEEN A
HOSTILE COMMAND POST. REPORTEDLY THE HOSTILES ABANDONED A QUANTITY
OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS AT KAPALANGA. ALSO IN THE SAME SUB-SECTOR
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FAZ REPORTEDLY RECAPTURED ON 14 MAY THE TOWN OF POLETE (EXACT
LOCATION UNKNOWN, BUT REPORTED 75 KMS FROM SANDOA). COMMENT: THIS
APPARENTLY IS THE VUADI BATTALION AS REPORTED IN SITREP 60, PARA
3 B, WHICH WE BELIEVE REMAINS IN THE VICINITY OF MAKEHELE
(0943S/2329E).

4. MOROCCAN FORCES:

A. NO CHANGE REPORTED TO DDN. MOROCCAN STRENGTH NOW CARRIED AS
BEING 1030 FOR ALL ELEMENTS IN ZAIRE.

B. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN MG BABIA'S VISIT
TO SHABA WAS ALSO CONNECTED IN PART WITH SERIOUS TENSION BETWEEN
THE MOROCCANS AND FAZ, AND TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE NON-
UTILIZATION OF THE EGYPTIANS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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5. AIR

A. TACAIR - THERE WAS AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MIRAGE SORTIES
ON THE AFTERNOON OF 14 MAY AGAINST KISENGE (1042S/2311E) AND THE
RAILWAY STATION AT DJONGO (1036S/2301E).

B. ON THE MORNING OF 15 MAY, PROBABLY TWO MIRAGE SORTIES WERE
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LAUNCHED AGAINST MUSUMBA-KAKESE (0825S/2242E) NEAR KAPANGA. NO
BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR EITHER DAY'S MISSIONS.
C. NO AIR RECON OR AIRLIFT DATA PROVIDED BY DDN.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: "ELIMA" GIVES EXPANSIVE COVERAGE TO WEST GERMAN-

ZAIRIAN RELATIONS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE WEST GERMAN FOMIN'S VISIT TO ZAIRE. PRESS ALSO REPORTS FRG FOMIN WILL BE MEETING MOBUTU IN LUBUMBASHI. AN EDITORIAL, "FOR PROGRESS AND PEACE" DEALS ONLY PERIPHERALLY WITH SHABA IN THE CONTEXT OF GERMAN SOLIDARITY. "SALONGO" YIELDS TO THE TEMPTATION TO CONTINUE REPEATING SHABA EVENTS. ITS SINGLE HEADLINE PROCLAIMS "THE GUIDE LEAVES KILWEZI THIS MORNING FOR LUBUMBASHI." UNDER HEADLINE IS A WEEKOLD PHOTO OF MOBUTU IN HIS HELICOPTER. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "A PERCEPTIVE AND HONEST LEADER," "SALONGO" DESCRIBES MOBUTU AS A MILITARY GENIUS WHO MASTERFULLY USED PSYCHOLOGY IN THE SHABAN BATTLES, AND HAS "A SOUL OF INCOMPARABLE PURITY AND HONESTY." PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTS A LETTER FROM KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO, TO MOROCCAN FORCES IN ZAIRE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES. THE MESSAGE LAUDED THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH, IT SAID, HAS WRITTEN "A GLORIOUS NEW PAGE" IN "LETTERS OF GOLD" IN THE HISTORY OF MOROCCO. "SALONGO" CARRIED SECOND INSTALLMENT OF "KASAJI, 3 DAYS AFTER LIBERATION" WHICH FURTHER PRAISES MOBUTU WHILE RECALLING POINTEDLY ARREST OF 7 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION ON MAY 20. DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED BUT MOBUTU'S VICTORY IN SHABA IS EXPECTED TO BE A FEATURED THEME.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL. PRESIDENT MOBUTU MEETING TODAY WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN LUBUMBASHI.

C. KAMINA: MISSIONARIES REPORT RECENT VISITOR TO KAMINA SAYS HARASSMENT OF ZAIRIANS BY FAZ CONTINUES, THOUGH EXPATRIATES NOT BEING BOTHERED. SAME VISITOR REPORTS "LOT OF FAZ WOUNDED" RECENTLY BROUGHT TO KAMINA.

D. KAFAKUMBA: CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, CATHOLIC MISSION AT CONFIDENTIAL

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KAFAKUMBA NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, BUT MISSION SCHOOL NEAR MISSION SEVERELY DAMAGED FURING FIGHTING.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: DIPLOMATIC NEWS IS DOMINATED BY THE VISIT OF FRG VICE-CHANCELLOR/FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER. NO DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS VISIT.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: NO CHANGE REPORTED.
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